

# Younkin Family News Bulletin

*A Tribute to Our Family*

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Donna Younkin Logan, Publisher

## Dear Cousins...

If your address label is *highlighted* then I haven't received your renewal as yet, at least I don't think I have, if I am mistaken please let me know. I am assuming that you still want to receive our family newsletter or you would have written and said that you didn't (and of course told me why, right?) So, I have again sent all of last year's subscribers the second issue for 1991 on faith. I know what "procrastinators" we, as a family, are (I am one of the worst!) so I'll look forward to hearing from you. Remember it's your newsletter please support it!

I can't believe that out of all the people in this family only these few people are getting married or have passed away. **Please** send me copies of the obituaries, engagement, wedding, honors, etc. from your newspaper and also enclose an extra photograph if at all possible.

Loretta Kelldorf, of 514 Whitehurst Ct., Katy, Texas 77450, is putting together a collection of Younkin/Youngkin/Yonkin/etc. cattle brands — if you currently have one or a copy of one that your ancestors used, please send it to Loretta and we will publish them in an upcoming issue.

Inside this issue you will find what I believe to be the most authentic JUNGHEN/YOUNKIN coat of arms. I know that there have been several versions that have floated around but this came from a "German" book of heraldry (written in German) and was indexed under the spelling "JUNGHEN" — which is the spelling that is on the tombstone of our immigrant father, Johann Henrich Junghen.



**Henry C. and Elizabeth (Shafer) Youngkin**  
(see their story on page 10)



**What do the Younkings  
have in common?**

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**Plan to attend the Nationwide Younkin Family  
Reunion—Somerset, Pa. August 23, 24, 25**

## Turkeyfoot of old...

When the first Younkin came to Turkeyfoote [sic] the hills and valleys were clothed in forests of oak, chestnut and hickory, also varieties of pines. The open spaces produced berries and succulent grasses. The nuts and fruits provided abundant food for all kinds of game. Deer, bear and wild fowl, including the lordly wild turkey, were plentiful. The sparkling streams, fed by springs, were inhabited by trout, bass and other edible fish. Naturally fertile soil made an ideal home for the hardy pioneers.

Three streams traversed the mountains. The Youghiogheny and Casselman Rivers and the North Fork or Laurel Hill Creek. These streams joined in the form of a turkey's foot, hence the name of the community.

The settlers came from the east by the Great Road opened by Gen. Forbes in 1758. Settlements were made in Turkeyfoote [sic] soon after that date. Roger Williams had lived in the vicinity for a short time about 1650, after he was driven from the Massachusetts Colony. In 1732 there were apple orchards bearing fruit. Not known by whom they were planted.

Until the survey of the Mason and Dixon line was completed in 1767 the land was supposed to be a part of Virginia.

April 17, 1795, Somerset County was founded by Act of Assembly from a portion of Bedford County. In July, 1773, Turkeyfoot Township was organized. Later, in 1848, the township was divided into Upper Turkeyfoot and Lower Turkeyfoot.

The Younkin brothers hewed their farms from the forest in what is now Upper Turkeyfoot.

The first school in the county was near Confluence. The Turkeyfoot Baptist Church near the same town has been a place of worship for 163 years.

The first paper *Der Westliche Telegraph* — was founded in 1812. *The Somerset Whig* was published one year later.

The B & O Railroad was extended from Connellsville to Cumberland in 1869. Three tunnels penetrate the mountains of Somerset County, to carry the road to Baltimore. Brooks tunnel is located in Turkeyfoot.

Oliver Drake, a direct descendant of Sir Roger Drake, was living at Draketown when the news of the Revolutionary War reached the then frontier. In August, 1779, records show Captain Oliver Drake, Henry Abrahams, Benjamin Jennings were serving the Colonies, taking part in the battles of Long Island, Trenton, and Princeton, and later in South Carolina.

The Turkeyfoote region has remnants of a fort at Fort Hill, the Fort Oak at Ursina, and the Turkeyfoot or Jersey Church is the site of the first fort built for protection from the Indians.

Gone are the original forests and their inhabitants. Today productive farms and village homes have replaced them. Flocks of cattle and sheep graze in bush pastures. In the early spring the air is fragrant with the odor of maple sap being converted into syrup and sugar.

On parts of the Old Nemaquin Trail and the Great Road automobiles race over the same ground our forefathers wearily trod or rode horseback if affluent.

In many a God's acre through the Turkeyfoot are stones bearing the name Younkin and some rest in spots unmarked by man. Many prosperous farmers and businessmen bear the name, also professional men and women are carrying the name to distant places and new honors.

MRS. RONALD EARLE

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## Revolutionary War Patriots

1) YOUNKIN, John — from Nockamixon Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.

2) YOUNKIN, Jacob — Private in Capt. Mamus Yosts Company Militia, Haycock Twp., Bucks Co., Pa.1)

3) JUNGKURTH, Frederick: this file list several alternate spellings for his name such as YOUKEN.

Frederick was born about 1751 as his death is recorded as March 1816 age 65. His wife was Barbara who died 20 Aug 1842. They were married 31 May 1784 by Rev. Frederick Schmidt. Their children were named as follows: Anna Magdalin, Christopher J., Rebecca, Frederica, Henry W., Susanna, Ann E. MASON, Anna GHERNEA (spelling questionable as it was difficult to read), and Catharine WIDDIS.

4) YOUNKINS, George— served as a private in the German Battalion Troops.

5) YOUNGINS, John — Served as a private in the German Battalion Troops in Capt. John David Woelpper's Company of the German Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. Baron Arendt. Appears on the company muster roll dated 22 Mar 1777, date of enlistment was 18 Nov \_\_. Remarks noted he was listed as missing Jan 2 \_\_.

A second card for this man shows he appeared on the Company muster roll date Mar., Apr. and May 1777.

A third card for him says he was in the German Battalion Continental Troops, a private in B. Weiser's Company, Col. N. Houssegger's German Regiment - date of enlistment was 18 Nov 1777. Remarks stated he was prisoner of war Feb 1777. [\*This man was also filed under the name John YUNGINS.]

6) YOUNGNE, David — served in Van Cortlandt's Battalion of New Jersey militia, he was a sergeant major.

7) YOUNKIN, George — Private enlisted 8 Nov 1776 in Capt. Joseph McCracken's Company in the 1st Battalion of New York Forces commanded by Col. Goose Van Schaick. He appeared on the company muster roll of 22 Oct 1776 to 2 July 1777. [\*this company was designated at various times as Capt. Joseph McCracken's, Col. Goose Van Schaick's, and Capt. James Gregg's and 4th Company.]

A second card says he appeared on the company muster roll dated 2 July to 2 June 1777—died 4 Sep 1777.

A third card stated: private in McCracken's 1st New York Regiment, Date of commission, enlistment or appointment was 8 Nov 1776; occurrences: died 4 Sep 1777.

8) YONKINS, George — Served as a private in the 1st New York Regiment

9) YOUNKAN, Elias — served from Pa.

The above files (all nine of them) were taken from the original microfilm at the National Archives in Washington D.C. Except for the top two (who I suspect are our John and Jacob) I have no idea who the rest of these men are. Perhaps one of our subscribers who is a member of the Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution would be able to write to the DAR/SAR and find out if anyone has a membership in the society on any of these men.

## 'Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie' to be reprinted by Riley County Kansas Genealogical Society —

I have received word from our cousin, Ethlyn Younkin of Oak Ridge, Tenn., that the Riley County Genealogical Society [2005 Claflin Rd., Manhattan, Kansas 66502] will be reprinting the book *Pioneers of the Bluestem Prairie*. There are quite a few of our ancestors whose biographies appear in this book. If you are interested in obtaining a copy the charges are: \$39.95 before June 1, \$49.95 after June 1 plus \$4 postage and handling. Please write to the society for more information.



## 'Wes' Younkin is victim of stroke

HASKINS, OHIO — Death came yesterday to one of Wood County's best known farmers, "Wes" Younkin, who departed this life at forty-five minutes past noon at his late residence in Helena, Ohio. He suffered a stroke on December 16th and was bedfast since January 16th.

The funeral service for the late Center Township farmer was held at the funeral home in Gibsonburg Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial will be made at the Union Hill Cemetery, four miles north of Bowling Green.

Weston Ulysses Younkin was born November 29, 1867 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Younkin at New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, and was 73 years, 2 months and 4 days old at the time of his passing.

He came to this country when a young boy with his father and tilled the soil in Center Township, where he gained an enviable record as a progressive farmer and citizen of the community. As a young man wishing to see the country, he enlisted with the regular U.S. Army in 1893 and served for three years at Fort Douglas, in Salt Lake City.

Upon being honorably discharged there he came home and married Viola Ralston in this city with Rev. L. S. Woodruff performing the ceremonies in the United Brethren Church on Jan. 2, 1898. To this union were born five children, who were reared on the farm in Center Township northeast of this city.

In 1930 he and his late wife moved to Helena to spend their remaining days with their son, James. Mrs. Younkin passed away July 31, 1934.

A former trustee of the United Brethren Church in the country northeast of here he was a very devout man. He was better known as "Wes" to his countless friends and in his later years acquired the additional popular name of "Granddad." He had a great circle of friends and admirers who will greatly miss his passing.

Surviving him are a daughter, Mrs. Harvey (Abbie) Brim of Bowling Green and three sons, Robert A., of Penacooke, N. Hamp., Russell M. of Kansas, Ohio, and James W. of Helena. A daughter died at the age of three. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and five brothers and sisters: Etta Avery and Lucy Knauss of Bowling Green, Elizabeth Beason of Whitehouse, Jess Younkin of Rising Sun, and P. [Philip] F. Younkin of Haskins.

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## New Subscribers

Last year I offered to send out listings, similar to the ones below, of all subscribers to that date and that offer is still open. The cost was, and still is, \$2. I only had 3 people order them which says to me that either the listing wasn't of interest or you guys didn't read it. [Please tell me you read this newsletter and that you aren't just placing it on the bookshelves for posterity!]

In an effort to save space here I have eliminated the last names in the lineages in most cases. I have sent most of you, if you sent back the charts I gave you, a PEDIGREE CHART which shows your line back to the immigrant brother. Use your chart to compare the lineages here and you'll see how close a cousin these subscribers are to you.

Douglas and Martha Younkin—Rt.1, Box 518, Union, MO. 63084

[Douglas<sup>7</sup>, Robert<sup>6</sup>, Samuel C.<sup>5</sup>, Samuel G.<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Rudolph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Doug is not a new subscriber but I failed to list his lineage in the subscribers lists that people have previously ordered.

Robert L. & Alfreda M. Steele—3755 S. Union, Alliance, OH. 44601

[Margaret Younkin Black<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Rudolph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Col. Richard C. Younkin — 1635 Ridgewood St., Orlando, FL. 32803

[Harvey<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Frederick<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup> + Frederick's Line]

Olive 'Betty' E. Sanner— Rt. 1 Box 71A, Somerset, Pa. 15501

[Betty and Richard (above) are brother and sister]

Robert & Constance Younkin—2225 101st Pl. S.E., Everett, WA 98208

[unknown]

## Jonas Younkin

St. Louis, Mo., July 31, 1878

Dear Sir and Relative: Your letter of the 29th is before me. Glad to hear from the Younkin blood's. I do not know that I can trace the pedigree sufficiently to give out places and relationship in the stock, but evidently we are from the same family originally. There are none of the name in the United States but what are related in some way.

I understand that originally there were three brothers who either came from Germany or whose father came from there and located, I think, in Burks [sic] County, Pennsylvania. From there arose a large progeny, mostly settling in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. My father's name is Jonas who practiced medicine in Somerset County for 25 years and in 1859 moved to Illinois—thence to Iowa. He had seven sons and two daughters, the same number old Job had. I do not remember his father's name. I have heard him speak of Uncle Frederick and in fact I think I have seen him. I know I have been on his farm, in Turkeyfoot township, Somerset County, Pa. I have often heard him speak of Samuel. My father is yet living near Iowa City, Iowa. I have five brothers living in the west. I am the fifth son and am now 40 years old. My brothers names are: Uriah, Archibald, Walter (dead), Alexander, Edwin [the author], Aaron and Austin. My family name departed from the original. I remember of Jacob, Samuel, Isaac, Dan and John, etc. I have found several of the name in the west, one family in Washington County, Iowa, a cousin; a family in Marion, Ill.

I have been practicing medicine for 17 years, am professor of surgery in the American Medical College of St. Louis, Mo. Isaac Younkin, a cousin of mine, moved some years ago, to Indiana I think. I think I remember his boys pretty well. Would be glad to hear from you again. Set it down that we are of same stock. I send you a copy of Guide in Sickness, also a catalogue of our college.

Write again,

Yours respectfully,  
E. Younkin, M.D.

813 V. 21st Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Ralph & Mary Younkin— 227 Lake Point Dr., Akron, OH. 44313

[Ralph E.<sup>6</sup>, William E.<sup>5</sup>, John D.<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Margaret Crisafulli— 200 Hickory St., Davidsville, Pa. 15928

[Henry C.<sup>6</sup>, Elias P.<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Manfred and Ora Klemme — 15059 Ararat St., Sylmar, CA. 91342

[Sarah Maria<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, David Younkin<sup>1</sup>]

Sam & Barbara Bevelacqua—5461 Carbondale Rd., Plymouth, CA. 95669

[Gelissa Mary Ann<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Rudolph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Ethlyn Younkin — 110 Dartmouth Cir., Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830

[Ethlyn is the wife of the late Russell John Younkin<sup>6</sup>, John F.<sup>6</sup>, Nessley<sup>5</sup>, Frederick J.<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Francis Scherick — 122 Double File Trace, Liberty Hill, Tx. 78642

[Sarah Blanche Catherine<sup>6</sup>, Jefferson<sup>5</sup>, Charles L.<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Barry D. Younkin — 3254 Ezrie St., Clovis, CA. 93612

[Max C.<sup>6</sup>, Clarence C.<sup>6</sup>, Edward C.<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Avis Engleka — RD 1, Box 61, Rockwood, PA. 15557

[William C.<sup>7</sup>, Harvey C.<sup>6</sup>, William L.<sup>5</sup>, Frederick<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

E. Irene Taylor — 223 Orchard Ave., Canonsburg, PA. 15317

[allied lines: Harbaugh, Skinner, Knable, Cramer, Weimer, King, Rush, etc.]

Wayne & Susan Younkins — 668 Westwood St., Hagerstown, Md. 21740

[Austin Arnold<sup>5</sup>, John Austin<sup>4</sup>, John Russell<sup>3</sup>, Carlton M.<sup>2</sup>, John Younkins<sup>1</sup>]

Harry R. and Sue Younkin — 103 Rother Ln., Durham, NC. 27707

[unknown except descendant of John B. and Lottie (Firestone) Younkin]

Mrs. Elaine Murphy— 4730 Grafton Rd., Brunswick Hills, OH. 44212

[Eliza<sup>5</sup>, Charles L.<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>]

Elroy & Clarice Weimer—436 Fourth Ave., New Kensington, PA. 15068

[interested in Weimers and all the allied lines connected to them]

## Engagements



Georgia Thomas and James Younkin

### Georgia Thomas and James Younkin engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Thomas, Salisbury, have announced the engagement of their daughter Georgia, to James Younkin.

He is the son of Judy Shumaker, Meyersdale and James Younkin of Sandy Spring, Md.

Miss Thomas is a 1989 graduate of Salisbury Elk Lick High School and is a sophomore at Penn State University, enrolled in the College of Business.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Meyersdale Area High School and is a sophomore at Allegany Community College in the dual associates degree programs of computer science and technology.

### Younkin — Trimpey to wed in September

Mr. and Mrs. Cenneth Younkin, of Rockwood, Pa. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Anne, to Keith Alan Trimpey.

Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Trimpey, of Somerset.

Miss Younkin is a senior at Rockwood High School. She works at Country Cottage Restuarant, Rockwood. Mr. Trimpey is a 1990 graduate of Rockwood High School and Vo-Tech school. He is employed at Leiss Tool and Dye, Somerset.

The wedding plans have been set for Sept. 7.

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The publishers of  
**WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA**  
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**C. George Younkin**

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**Who's Who in America**



**C. George Younkin**  
Archivist  
of Arlington, Texas

### What do the Younkins have in common?

Come to the nationwide  
**Younkin Family Reunion August 24**  
and see for yourself!



## John J. Younkin a.k.a. : 'Yankee John'

Here is something new you can add to your family files. About a week after I printed the request for estates of the YOUNKIN families in the last newsletter — Joe Thomas graciously sent me all of the ones he had. They were Jacob, John and Elenor, Frederick, and John J. (son of Jacob and husband of Mary Polly 'Nancy' Hartzell) . I really needed the one for John J. because of a situation that came up last year. I have a subscriber in Illinois who has a John H. born about 1817 and we hadn't been able to *place* him anywhere. All of the researchers had placed John H. Younkin, who married Lucinda Sweitzer, as the son of John J. In going over John J.'s estate file I found this to be highly unlikely for two major reasons:

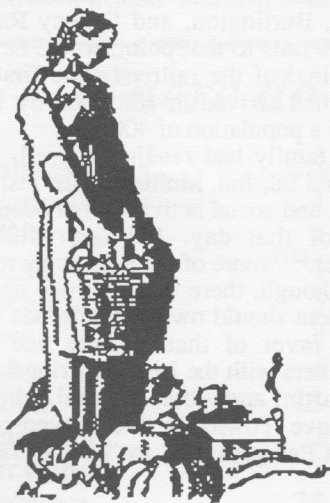
1) John H., of Lucinda, was born in 1825 (tombstone) or 1824/25 (census). At the time of John J.'s death, this John H. would have been a "minor" child and the estate file does not record him as being a minor. As a matter of fact it clearly states that John J.'s son, John H., was not even living in Somerset County at the time. The estate administrator had to notify him (not his guardian) by public notice in the newspaper as he was not in the area. I do not know who this John H. is the son of .

2) The John H. (of Illinois) was living in Illinois in the 1830s according to Illinois land records (which would place him out of the Somerset County area at the time of the estate administration). Also the John H. of Ill. was of the age to have fit in John J.'s family like a "glove". He was born about 1817. In the estate file of John J. the children are listed a number of times and the sequence of names is constant on the lists. We know the birth dates for most of John J.'s children and there is a space where this John of Ill. would fit perfectly with his birth date of 1817.

Children of John J. and Mary 'Polly' Nancy (Hartzell) Younkin

- 1) Jacob J., born 1808, married Dorcus Hartzell, died 1903
- 2) Nancy born, 1811, married Isaac Johnston, died ?
- 3) Hannah, born 1813, married Garrison N. Smith, died 1883
- 4) Catharine
- \*5) John H.
- 6) Mary A., married Mr. McClintock
- 7) Herman/Harmon, born 1821, married Susanna Faidley, died 1885
- 8) Elizabeth, born 1823, married George Hare, died 1900
- 9) Jonas H., born 1825, married Mary Beal, died 1855

\*if you add two years to the birth date of Hannah and continue that process on down the list, there is a sequence of two years between each child. This is not in any way meant to prove this line but gives us something to consider and definitely take the John H. (husband of Lucinda Sweitzer) out of the running as a child of John J.— Isn't this fun!!



## I Married a Younkin

Hello again fellow I.M.A.Y.'s. Since we all share in that totally unique and somewhat disconcerting experience called 'living with a Younkin', I thought I might also share a few of the letters I've received over the past several months. Donna gets the most letters by far — it seems there really are a lot of people who are interested in this genealogy business. However, I think the letters that I receive are, well...more personal. Also, they seem to contain a quality of ...what's the word I'm looking for...desperation?

I've taken a great deal of liberty in editing these letters. I've changed words, phrases, and all places and names so as to protect all innocent I.M.A.Y.'s. If any of you Younkins are reading this column, and you believe your spouse has sent in one of these letters, well you're just wrong. I guess the I.M.A.Y.'s might sound similar at times because we all have the same kind of problems in common. Anyway, here goes...

Dear Larry,

I just love your column!!! Before I began reading it, I used to wonder if there was really something wrong with me. I mean, just how could I have married and lived with this person for 83 years?? But now that I know I am not alone, it makes a big difference in my life. Others are out there, just like me, and they seem like really nice people.

God bless you Larry,  
Wilma Stevenson Younkin  
Golden, Colorado

\*Note to Wilma: 83 years with a Younkin? I do believe you qualify for Sainthood. God bless you too, Wilma.

Dear Larry,

I'm an I.M.A.Y. too. But I've got a problem, and I thought you may be able to help me, as you do seem to understand Younkins. My Younkin talks in her sleep. It's not just once in a while — it's all the time. And the subject never changes. My Younkin only talks about herself — ALL NIGHT LONG. It's driving me nuts. I'd sleep in another bedroom, but we don't have a spare (her father moved in with us, and he talks about himself in his sleep too!) Any ideas, Larry? I really need some sleep.

Tired in Oxbow, Okla.

Dear Tired,

I have also had this problem, and a fellow I.M.A.Y. told me the solution. It really works! Get a small recorder, like a Walkman, and spend one evening recording your wife's nocturnal conversations. The next evening, when she goes to sleep, place the earphones on your wife and play the tape to her. She won't say another word, and you'll get your rest. It seems that while Younkins really enjoy talking about themselves, they much prefer (and can't resist) listening to others talking about them. (Should work for you're father-in-law too!)

*Randy Rogers*

# Phillip Pringey, Biography of a Pioneer

## West to Iowa (continued from Vol. 2 #1)

As the winter of 1865 had merged into the Spring of 1866 a family plan of action had been formed. It was determined that John and Herman would leave after spring planting to scout out the prospects. So it had been that in June of that year both men migrated West on horseback to Muscatine County, Iowa and obtained work as farm hands near West Liberty. Their objective was to look for suitable farm land and report back to the West Virginia families.<sup>(15)</sup>

Phillip recalled receiving their letter late that fall and he remembered reading it with mixed emotions. He had wanted to go but there were many reasons to stay in Preston County. The family had been an active part of the community for 20 years and he and Fred had helped establish the church at Hazel Run where he met and married Sarah. Then there was the little graveyard where his mother, father and Fred were buried. He could see it from the farmhouse porch. But his greatest concern at the moment was for Sarah, she was pregnant now and from what she had told him, the baby would be due next June. The best time to travel on those unpredictable roads to the West was early summer, after the spring rains and before the oppressive heat. They had been fortunate so far in that all their children were alive and healthy. Phillip didn't want to press their luck.

But the realities had to be recognized, the small farm simply couldn't support his growing family. The longer they waited, the fewer the opportunities. He had heard that Civil War veterans were flooding the West because when they returned to their homes after the war there were no opportunities, no work. Apparently the veterans were heeding the call of Horace Greeley, New York Tribune editor, to "Go West Young Man, Go West". Finally after further deliberation Phillip had decided that advice was the best course for his family too. By spring of 1867 the family farm had been sold and their possessions reduced to two wagon loads. He wasn't alone in his decision. His sisters (Candace Liston and Abigail Martin) and their husbands had decided to move also. Later, other friends and relatives were to follow.

After final preparations, the Pringey, Henson and Martin families left early on the morning of June 12, 1867.<sup>(16)</sup> First traveling west to the White School, then north past the McCullom cabin, across the Big Sandy out of Preston County forever and on to Fort Necessity, Pennsylvania. Here the small group had joined others traveling west on the Cumberland Road.<sup>(17)</sup> Getting organized as a traveling unit had taken some time and as the wagons approached Wheeling, West Virginia, on June 17, Phillip's worst fear was realized...Sarah had gone into labor with their fourth child. But once again good fortune prevailed and Mary Hannah (Mollie) Pringey was born hale and hearty in their wagon destined for a long life.<sup>(18)</sup> After allowing Sarah to recover somewhat the families continued slowly westward on the dusty Ohio road through Cambridge and Zanesville to Columbus.

It was at Columbus that the group decided to leave the Cumberland road and follow the less traveled but more direct route to Iowa called the Covered Wagon Trail. They had completed about a third of the seven hundred mile journey and to proceed on the Cumberland road to Vandalia in South Central, Illinois would be out of the way. Consequently, mid-July found them arriving in Gary, Indiana. From there it was westward to Joliet, Illinois and finally in early August they had arrived at the Iowa border. Across the Mississippi was Davenport, Iowa and beyond that their new home.

Everyone, including two-month old Mollie, had managed well under the conditions that prevailed. As Phillip negotiated to have the barge ferry the wagons across the river, he had reflected on the families good fortune, it was still early enough in the summer to get settled and only seventy-five miles to go.

## Muscatine County

John and Herman had written that they would meet the families in Springdale, Iowa and the plans had worked out perfectly. They had negotiated for a farm near town for Phillip and Sarah and had located rental properties for Henson Liston and John Martin. It was their intention to locate temporarily in Muscatine County and, as soon as possible, find homestead land in western Iowa. John and Herman, still single, also planned to relocate so they placed their share of the Preston County farm money in the bank at West Liberty.

How time had flown! Digressing from his life's journey, Phillip made note that his first August in Iowa was now 48 years ago and now in 1915 another was nearly complete. Life had been good in Springdale. Ross William was born in 1870, Bruce Franklin in 1875 and Mollie had become quite a young lady. At 5 foot 2 inches she had grown as tall as her mother.

The family had learned a great deal about neighborliness too, because they had moved into a Quaker settlement. At first there had been a coolness on the part of the conservative locals but as time passed, the Pringeyes had become a close-knit part of the community. Phillip especially remembered Isaac and Elizabeth Kirby. One of their daughters, Rebecca, had married Stuart Tucker and now in 1915, they lived in Cumberland. And of course brother Herman had married Sarah another Kirby girl.<sup>(19)</sup> There was a lot of talent in that farm area too, that Hoover boy Herbert, from near West Branch, was making a name for himself now in 1915, a multi-millionaire and public figure...If he keeps going, Phillip thought, he may even be president someday.

Not wanting to lose his train of thought, Phillip continued to concentrate on the events of his life and what happened to influence them. The recessions of 1815 and 1897; the Spanish-American War. San Juan Hill, and Teddy Roosevelt's rise to the Presidency; the first flight of the airplane in 1903 by the Wright brothers...the same year Henry Ford started the Ford Motor Company. Phillip had been a young man of 27 when he voted for Republican Abraham Lincoln for president just before the war. Now a Democrat, Woodrow Wilson, was in office and another war seemed possible.

## Noble Township Life

But enough of these sad world events, Phillip recalled happier times and relocating near Cumberland in Noble Township south of town. In March of 1884 he and Sarah purchased 190 acres of farm land from Mary A. Wilson of Muscatine County.<sup>(20)</sup> So the family had once again loaded their goods into wagons and made the 235-mile trip from West Branch, through Des Moines and on to Cass County. That was the same year that Cumberland was platted as a town. The Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad had decided to extend its rails to that point, so the new town was to become the terminal of the railroad. The first passenger train from Creston had arrived in 1885 and by 1900, Cumberland had grown to a population of 400.

The family had readjusted well. Several relatives lived nearby and Ed, Jud, Mollie and the rest of the kids took part in the work and social activities that occupied the time of young people of that day. Jud and Mollie even published a newsletter,<sup>(21)</sup> more of a gossip paper really. Some articles were serious though, there was that one about whether or not the government should own the railroads and the editors had not been in favor of that. There had been a lot of family get-togethers with the Listons, Pringeyes and Martins, but then Jake (Martin) and Abbie (Abigail Pringey) sold their farm in Bear Grove Township and moved to Oklahoma.<sup>(22)</sup> Ross (William Pringey) died in '94 and then Jud had died in '95

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## 'Younkin, dying, tells how he spurned love of woman whose husband shot him.' —

### Victim of Dunbar man's bullets passes away in Connellsville Hospital



"In a dying statement in Connellsville State Hospital this morning Benjamin R. Younkin declared that he had burned Mrs. Jacob Foltz's love notes, had cut short her whispered telephone calls and denied all parental responsibility for the 'fifth child' to which Mrs. Foltz alluded in her last letter of appeal—the letter which her husband, Jacob Foltz, discovered and the one which caused the 25-year-old Dunbar man to go into the garage of the Hyatt Motor Company on the West Side, Connellsville, yesterday morning and place five bullets in Younkin's body....

Asked to describe what happened between him and Foltz in the garage, Younkin declared Foltz entered and coming up to him, asked:

"Do you know me?"

"I said 'No'"

"He said, 'Well, do you know Mrs. Foltz of Dunbar?'"

"I told him I knew who she was, as did a lot of Western Maryland Railroad men. When he drew his revolver, I made a pass at him with my right, but he dodged and before I could close in, he shot."

Younkin declared Foltz didn't have the "guts" to handle him with bare fists. The dying man expressed regret that he was unable to make a taxi trip that he had been engaged for in celebrating another man's wedding...

Foltz is the son of D. C. Foltz well known former hotel man and a partner with his brother, J. R. Foltz, in the undertaking business, at Dunbar. He is under 30 and his wife is younger. The young man has been married five years and the couple have four children. Younkin was middle aged. He has been employed as a shop foreman at the Hyatt company for several years. He lived with his wife and family of four children in Highland Ave., Connellsville."

[Daily News Standard; Uniontown, Pa. Nov. 22, 1923; evening edition]

The local newspapers carried detailed accounts of the trial, along with verbatim testimony, until March 26, 1924 when the trial concluded with the jury's conviction of Foltz for "voluntary manslaughter" for which he received a 2 to 4 year sentence in the western penitentiary. "Foltz was convicted for the killing of Younkin at Connellsville on November 21 last after one of the most sensational trials in the history of criminal courts of Fayette county. "Twilight Insanity", "Irrisistable

Impulse" and the so-called "Unwritten Law" entered largely into the defense in the 10 day trial." [The Morning Herald]

One of the early accounts of the death of Benjamin gives us a little more personal information on him — "Funeral services for Benjamin R. Younkin, who was killed by David [sic] K. Foltz in Connellsville Wednesday because, as the latter alleges, Younkin wrecked his home, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Francis J. Scott, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of which Mr. Younkin was a member, will officiate. The victim was also a member of the church choir and the choir will render a number of selections at the services.... Younkin was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James A. Younkin of New Kensington. The father is the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church there. Two sisters also survive. They are Mrs Mabel Houls of Parnassus and Mrs. Ethel Hage of Woodlawn. A brother, James Younkin, is a student at Pennsylvania State College and another brother, Ray, is at home. The widow and four children also survive. Younkin was a former service man, having enlisted with Company D 110th infantry....the funeral services will be conducted from the Younkin home, 615 Highland Ave." [The Morning Herald]

EDITOR'S NOTE: An old biblical saying "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone", or something like that, comes to mind each time my thoughts turn to the question of whether or not our newsletter should contain articles such as the one above [and believe me I still have some reservations]. But — are we to believe that all of the Younkings have led, what many would call, "perfect lives", — are we to believe they were and are "puritanical" — I think not [actually I know not!]. Then the question is — do I publish them in the newsletter? Well, here are my feelings on it. To not tell everyone's story is unfair — no matter what someone does with their life, good and bad or indifferent, they still deserve to be recognized. If I had been able to give you any more background on Benjamin R. Younkin I would, have but as of this date I have been unable to trace him back any farther than his father, Rev. James A. Younkin of New Kensington, Pa. This story still leaves many questions unanswered. I have no feelings, positive or negative, on Benjamin. I am sure that none of the rest of you will 'judge' him either from the material presented here.

## Where do our subscribers live?

|    |            |    |                |    |                |
|----|------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|
| 2  | Alabama    | 2  | Missouri       | 1  | Rhode Island   |
| 3  | Arizona    | 1  | Montana        | 3  | South Carolina |
| 21 | California | 1  | North Carolina | 1  | South Dakota   |
| 2  | Colorado   | 1  | North Dakota   | 1  | Tennessee      |
| 8  | Florida    | 3  | Nebraska       | 11 | Texas          |
| 5  | Iowa       | 3  | New Jersey     | 3  | Virginia       |
| 2  | Idaho      | 4  | New York       | 4  | Washington     |
| 8  | Illinois   | 15 | Ohio           | 1  | Wisconsin      |
| 1  | Louisiana  | 2  | Oklahoma       | 1  | West Virginia  |
| 10 | Maryland   | 3  | Oregon         | 1  | D.C.           |
| 2  | Michigan   | 35 | Pennsylvania   |    |                |

## Keller's Church record of

## Henry Junghen' family

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28<sup>ten</sup> November. 1756.

x2. Poroffa. d. 17. Octobr. 1758.

3. Jacob. Gabofron. Jan. 13.  
Julius. Anno Domini 1761.

4. Friedrich. Gabofron. d. 15.  
October. im Jahr. Ao. 1763.

5. Rudolph. Gabofron. d. 7. Juli  
im Jahr Christi. Ao. 1766.

x6. Anna Elisabeth. Gabofron  
Jan 10. April. 1769. gestorben

7. Anna. Elisabeth. Gabofron  
Jan. 3. September. 1770.

8. Henry. Gabofron.  
d. 9. October. Ao. 1773.

9. Saffarina. Gabofron.  
Jan. 30. Mertz. 1776.

## 'The Pennsylvania Second State Tax of 1779'

published by William Pennebaker,  
Early Printing Service, December 1978

| 81                | Land | House | Other | Value                   | Rate | Tax   |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-------------------------|------|-------|
| Henry Junghen     | 50   | 3     | 5     | 375<br>310<br>250<br>50 | 985  | 16.46 |
| Christopher Giese |      | 1     |       | 150                     | 115  | 1.19  |
| George Jakobson   | 20   | 2     | 2     | 250<br>200<br>90        | 540  | 9.00  |
| Geo. Taylor       | 20   |       |       |                         | 100  | 6.11  |
| John Miller       | 10   |       |       | 50                      | 65   | 16    |

| 82                      | Single Men | Haycock              |
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| John Hefler             | 8          | Wm. father           |
| Jacob Giese             | 8          | Wm. Mother           |
| John Miller Junr.       | 10         | Wm. father           |
| Phillip Sattermeyer Jr. | 8          | Wm. Nicholas Burger  |
| Henry Nicholas          | 11         | Wm. father           |
| Christian Nicholas      | 10         | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| * Henry Junghen         | 8          | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| Marshall Giese          | 12         | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| Henry Junghen           | 8          | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| Samuel Giese            | 14         | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| John Giese              | 10         | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| Benj. Scott             | 10         | Wm. 1 hope 100       |
| Collector Jacob Good    |            |                      |

[This document was provided by Ginny Toney of Houston, Texas, and was copied from the original German records of Keller's Church, Bedminster Twp., Bucks County, Pa. by Carl Hoge, of Charleston Heights, S.C. The original records are on file at the Lutheran Archives Center at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.]



## Three immigrant brothers or...?

I feel there is a problem with the children of our immigrant Johann Henrich 'Henry' and his wife, Catharine Scherer. There are several reasons for my quandry and though I haven't solved the problem as yet I present the evidence and will hope that you might have some ideas.

In the past researchers have said that Henry had another wife and with this wife had the son everyone has come to call John Michael Younkin. This John Michael is supposed to have been born about 1740. It is felt that this son came to America with Henry on his second trip to this country.

The records show that Henry and Catharine did have a son called John. Elsewhere in this newsletter are the church records from Keller's Church in Bedminster Twp., Bucks Co., Pa., for the children of Henry and Catharine that clearly shows that they had a son named John. These records are written in German and most of the dates agree with the *known* dates of birth [i.e. their son Jacob — Jacob's tombstone states his birth date as 13 Jul 1761, which agrees with this church record]. I am making the *assumption* that all of these are the "date of birth". John is the first child listed and his date is given as 28 Nov 1756.

The next child, Dorothea, is given as born 17 Oct 1758. This is a perfectly natural sequence of about two years between births. The rest of the children show a similar pattern including the child named Anna Elizabeth who was born 10 Apr 1769, and died probably very shortly after birth as the next child, also named Anna Elizabeth, was born 3 Sep 1770. The two-year pattern of birthing is due to the fact that, under normal circumstances, a nursing mother won't conceive another child until she is almost through lactating the current baby and it usually took at least a year to wean the children.

Now we come to the marriage for "a" Johann JUNGHEN and Catharina Kilicher on 23 Jan 1759 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church [then called the Blue Mountain Church], in Lehigh County, PA. In guessing, John was probably about 20 or 21 when he was married and Catharina was probably about 18 (at the very minimum she was 15). Using these numbers, John would have been born about 1739 and Catharina about 1741. And in Anita Eyster's article *Junghen Family in Bucks County* (Vol. 1 #1, 2) she states that a George Younkin was born to them in 1766.

In Henry's will, dated 1787, he names only *one* son named John. If, in fact, Henry had *two* sons named John then they both would have been mentioned in his will, as it was normal to name all children (even if they were deceased Henry would have named the deceased son's children as they would have become the heirs in place of the deceased son and shared in the estate in their father's stead).

All this indicates the possibility of two Johns. Further evidence serves to substantiate this claim:

•Pennsylvania Second State Tax of 1779 (shown opposite) shows Henry, of Haycock Twp., on page 81 and his taxable still, land, horses and cattle. On page 82 is a list of *single* men, of Haycock Twp., John Younkin is the eighth name on the list and he is listed as residing in the household of his father (the sixth person on the list is Henry Nicholas "at his fathers" with a "ditto" for the seventh person, Christian Nicholas, and "ditto" again for John). If John's birthdate is accurate, November 1756, this man would fit as he had to be "of legal age" in May of 1779 (when the tax information was taken) this John would have been in his early 20s.

•If, as stated above, a son, George, was born to John and Catharina Kilicher in 1766. Where are the rest of their children? The John and Catharina (who ultimately left Bucks County, PA., went to Loudoun Co., VA., and later moved from VA. to Somerset County, PA.) do have some *proposed* children:

- 1) John, born about 1778, married Magdalena, died after 1850
- 2) Jacob, born about 1781, married Elenora, died about 1848

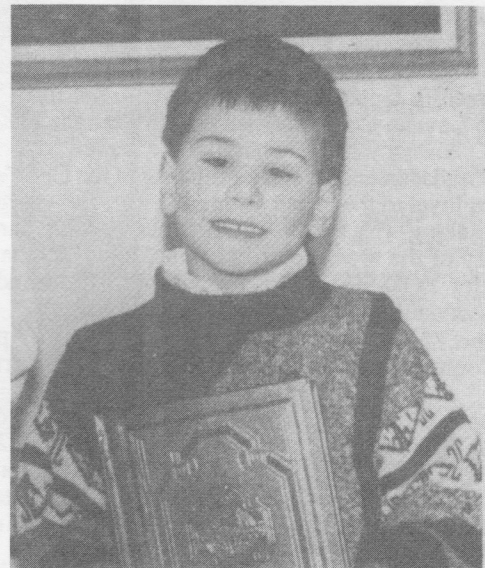
- 3) Henry, born about 1784, married Catherine, died after 1850
- 4) Mary, born about 1786, married George Hartzell, died after 1850
- 5) Catherine, born 1787, married Jacob Miner, died 1847
- 6) George, born about 1795, married Nancy Johnston
- 7) Charles, born about 1795, married Jane Johnston

If this John and the one born in 1740 were the same person, then, I ask again where are the children that surely would have been born in the intervening years between the birth of George in 1766 and the birth of John about 1778.

•Next we have the fact that if Catharina Kilicher was in fact the mother of George of 1766 and all of the rest of these children — she would have been a rather "aged" woman (age 54) at the birth of these last children. Certainly not an impossibility, but NOT LIKELY!

•There is one last point — and that is the "Heirship" of John Younkin (the one that went to Somerset County) to the Jacob Tushtimer estate in the early 1800's (probated in Loudoun County, Va.). There simply must be some explanation for this heirship — there is a chance that this "Somerset County" John's wife, definately named "Catharina", was in some way connected to this Tushtimer family, perhaps she was a daughter?

So who was this other John that married Catharina Kilicher? I have no idea — but I will say this — I don't believe that he is a son of Henry and Catharine (Scherer) Junghen. Also, there are a number of Younkin families, whose ancestry has not been accounted for, that hail from same area of Lehigh and Northampton Counties of Pa. where this earlier John and Catherina (Kilicher) Younkin were married. Perhaps he was another brother to Henry and Herman?



Dylan Younkin

## Dylan Younkin wins national reading contest

It was announced recently that Dylan Younkin, age 5, son of Marion and Deb Younkin of Somerset RD 6, was one of the winners in the 1990 Family Reading Challenge national contest.

Dylan, a kindergartener at Patriot Street Elementary School, Somerset, was one of 100 young newspaper readers who participated in the challenge.

[Source: Somerset Daily American, Somerset, Pa., March 1, 1991 issue, and photo credit to Patti Booze, staff member, Daily American]

# The Youngkin family of Ohio

By **DELLA M. SHAFER**  
(MRS. MELVIN D.)

The Abraham and Sarah YOUNGKIN who lived in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio in the 1820s were probably the same Abraham and Sarah mentioned in early YOUNKIN histories as the son and daughter-in-law of Abraham and Elizabeth (WYKER) YOUNKIN. This Abraham was the second son of the immigrant, Johann Herman JUNGHEN. Abraham YOUNGKIN of Lancaster, Ohio was a tailor. By 1846 the family had moved to Findley, Hancock County, OH. where Abraham was active in civic affairs and served as one of the early mayors.

Their children were:

1) (possibly) Jacob, born 1815, blind, married Judea \_\_\_\_\_. Resided Washington Twp., Hancock County, OH. in 1860.

2) Susan M., born 24 Apr 1819, died 30 Jan 1907 in Lavaca Co., Tx., married 9 Nov 1841 Hancock Co., OH. to Jesse Beeson, physician. They later moved to southern Texas where Jesse's father, Abel was buying land by 1855.

3) John M. (not sure of birth order), died 30 Dec 1821 Lancaster, Fairfield Co., OH. Buried in Old Methodist Cemetery, Lancaster, Oh.

4) Sarah, born 1823, died May 1865, married Sep 1845 to Absolom P. BYAL who for many years was the Hancock County Clerk.

5) Henry Clay, born 1 May 1827 OH., died 20 Oct 1909 Yoakum, Lavaca Co., Tx., married 1849 Hancock Co., OH. to Elizabeth SHAFER, daughter of John and Mary (PUTMAN) SHAFER. A family source said they met when Elizabeth fell through thin ice and Henry rescued her. They lived in Gilboa, OH. in the 1850 census where he was listed as a tailor. They probably lived in Upper Sandusky by 1855, but in 1859 they removed to Lavaca Co., TX. where Henry taught school and later had a pharmacy in Hallettsville. He served in the Texas Militia as a replacement for troops fighting in the Civil War but he remained loyal to the North during the war. He was active in politics and along with the BEESONS, played a big part in the early history of the area. Their two sons, John Abraham, and Josiah Shafer YOUNGKIN, were both physicians and many of their descendants were teachers and physicians.

6) Robert M. (not sure of birth order), married 3 Apr 1849 in Wood County, OH., to Elizabeth CROSSER. Robert was a physician.

7) Jerome W. born Lancaster, Fairfield Co., OH., died 20 Sep 1907 in Wolcottville, LaGrange Co., IN., married 29 May \_\_\_\_\_ in Putnam Co., OH. to Mary Ann HALL. Jerome was listed as a tailor in Gilboa, OH. in 1860, but was listed as a physician at the time of his enlistment in the Ohio Infantry during the Civil War.

Abraham YOUNGKIN was still alive in 1880 at age 90, living in Hallettsville, Tx. with his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jesse BEESON.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: readers will be interested to note that this family history of one of Herman's descendants did not come without an incredible amount of work by a lot of helpers. Last summer Melvin and Della Shafer came to visit here in Frederick and we spent a full day at the National Archives trying to find out where these Ohio pioneers had gone after leaving Ohio. We were only able to find Jerome in any of the 1880+ census records. It had never occurred to any of us that they had gone to Texas because there are only a handful of Youngkins living anywhere in the south much less Texas! Well, a couple of months ago, Loretta and Bill Kelldorf were

browsing around in a few courthouses in this area of Texas and came across the name YOUNGKIN — so — being the dedicated researchers that they have become— they copied all of the references that they could find and sent them to me. Well as soon as I saw that these Texans had been born in Fairfield, OH. I knew they were the ones we had quested for last summer. I immediately called Della and Melvin and told them to call Bill and Loretta at once to get as many of the details they could. They talked with each other and within a week Melvin and Della were packed and on their way to Texas from their home in Haysville, Kansas. They spent a week with the many descendants of this family going over family records, photographs, etc. and just having fun getting to know each other.



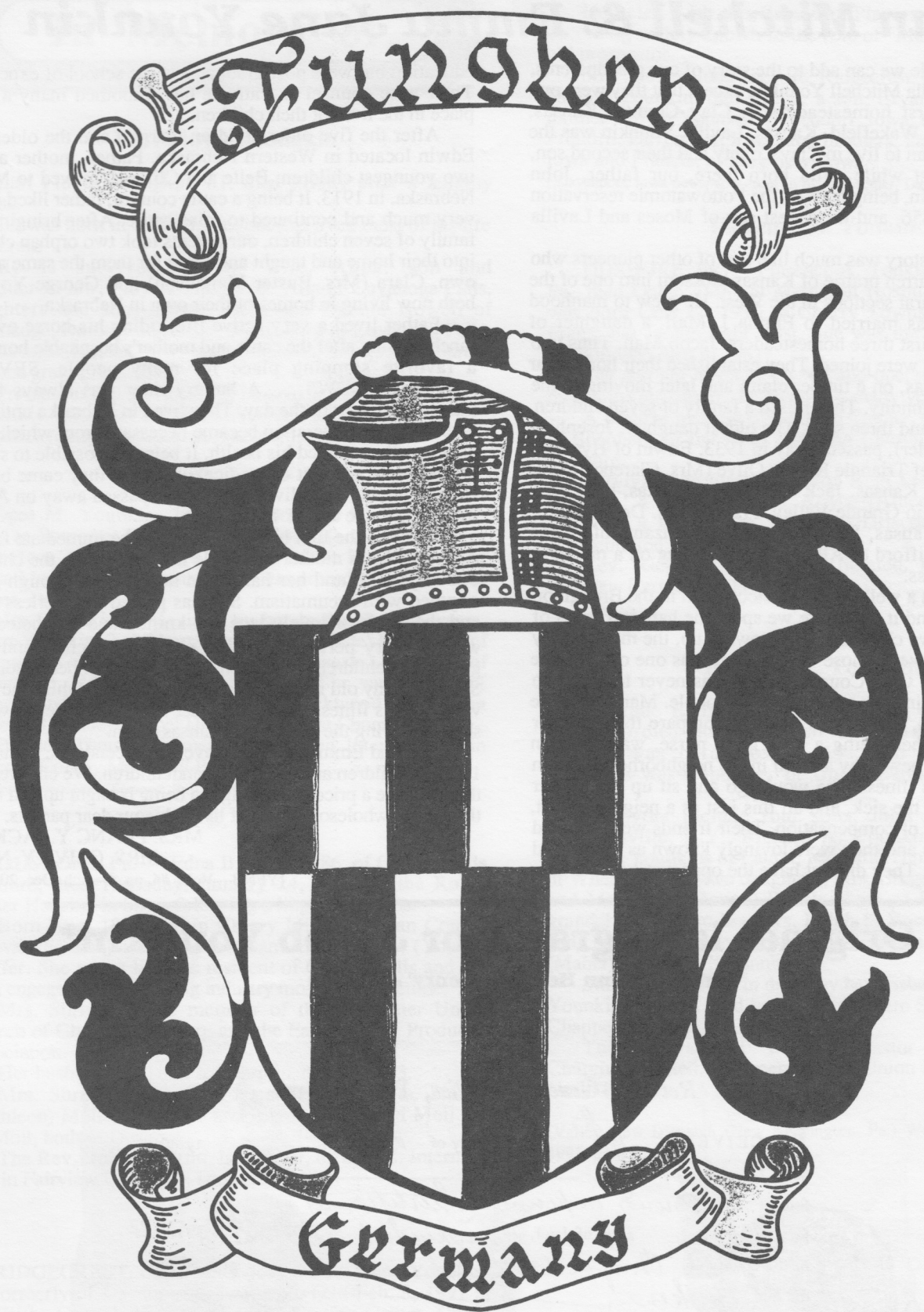
**Josiah Shafer Youngkin I**



## FAMILY REUNION ON MARCH 21, 1991

—The family of Josiah Shafer Youngkin II, son of Josiah Shafer Youngkin. Top row, from left, Pershing Youngkin, Melvin Shafer; middle row, from left, Sarah Lynn Pratt, Rebecca Youngkin; bottom row, from left, Pauline Youngkin and Betty Youngkin, wife of Pershing.





**Junghen**

**John Mitchell & Emma Jane Younkin**

There is little we can add to the story of our grandparents, Moses and Lavilla Mitchell Younkin, except that they were one of the three first homesteaders in Clay County, Kansas, locating east of Wakefield, Kansas. Lavilla Younkin was the first white woman to live in Clay County and their second son, Edwin, the first white child born there, our father, John Mitchell Younkin, being born on the Pottawatomie reservation on March 8, 1856, and the oldest son of Moses and Lavilla Younkin.

His life's history was much like that of other pioneers who witnessed the barren prairie of Kansas blossom into one of the richest agricultural sections in the West. He grew to manhood and in 1877 was married to Emma J. Mall, a daughter of another of the first three homesteaders, Jacob Mall. Thus two pioneer families were joined. They established their home near Longford, Kansas, on a timber claim and later moving to the Broughton community. They raised a family of seven children, four daughters and three sons. The oldest daughter, Josephine (Mrs. John Snyder), passed away in 1933. Edwin of Hyannis, Neb., manager of Triangle Ranch, Olive (Mrs. Clarence Neill) of Clay Center, Kansas, Jack of Edinburg, Texas, lives on a citrus farm in Rio Grande Valley, Franc (Mrs. Dr. Jackson), Clay Center, Kansas, Belle (Mrs. Oran Vinzant) of Grand Island, Neb., Clifford of Alliance, Neb., living on a ranch, in the cattle business.

We lived on a well improved stock farm in the Broughton neighborhood and it was there we spent the happiest years of our life, while we children were growing up, the many happy memories we have of those days. Father was one of the large cattle feeders of Clay County, but he was never too busy to help a neighbor in time of sickness or trouble. Many times he was called upon, in times of death, to prepare the body for burial, and mother, being a very good nurse, was much in demand when a new baby arrived in the neighborhood, and in cases of serious illness, she would go and sit up night after night caring for the sick, and all this just as a neighborly act, without thought of compensation. Their friends were counted by the hundreds and they were lovingly known as "Dad" and Auntie Younkin. They did not have the opportunity for higher

education but were post-graduates in the school of experience. Their wise counsel and advice has smoothed many a rough place in the lives of their children.

After the five older children married and the oldest son, Edwin located in Western Nebraska. Father, mother and the two youngest children, Belle and Clifford, moved to Mullen, Nebraska, in 1913. It being a cattle country, father liked it there very much and continued to raise cattle. After bringing up a family of seven children, our parents took two orphan children into their home and taught and cared for them the same as their own. Clara (Mrs. Buster Magnuson) and George Younklin, both now living in homes of their own in Nebraska.

Father lived a very active life, riding his horse over the ranch looking after the cattle and mother's hospitable home was a favorite stopping place for many people. SEVEN—YOUNKIN NEWS.....A hungry rider was always fed no matter what hour of the day. They lived in Nebraska until 1930 when a serious operation became necessary from which father never really regained his health. It being impossible to stay on the ranch on account of medical attention, they came back to Broughton and there lived until father passed away on August 29, 1932, at the age of 76.

This was the first break by death in the immediate family. After his death mother has made her home with the children. She is past 80 and her hands are never idle although she is crippled with rheumatism. She has pieced numberless quilts and the yards of lovely lace she knitted and crocheted. Her work is very perfect and each child, grandchild and even great-grandchildren have much prized pieces of her handiwork. She has many old friends who call on her, and while she had a very serious illness last winter, her health is better now, and she is enjoying the summer in Kansas again.

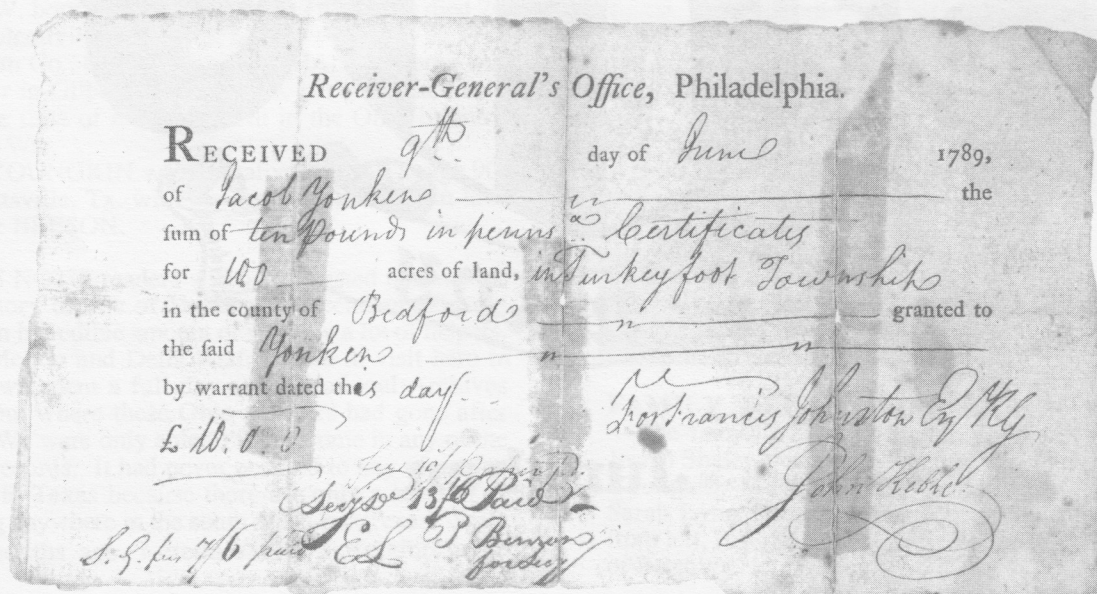
John and Emma Younkens have 36 descendants, 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. We children feel that we have a priceless heritage in being brought up and taught the simple wholesome way of living by our dear parents.

MRS. FRANC Y. JACKSON  
MRS. OLIVE Y. NEILL

[YFNB—Vol.1 #4, pg. 4—pub. Dec. 20, 1938]

## Original land grant for Jacob Younkin\*

**\*son of Johann Henrich 'Henry' Junghen**





## In Memory of

### Earl Floyd Youngkin

Earl Floyd Youngkin, 81, died Friday after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Clymer, Pa., but had lived most of his life in Akron.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; son and daughter-in-law, Floyd Jr. and Rose Ann of Cuyahoga Falls, daughters and sons-in-law, Flora and Donald Howell of Tallmadge, Dorothy and Bruce Romesker of Cuyahoga Falls, Donna and Charles Cetnarowski of Akron; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment Hillside Memorial Park.

[Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, March 9, 1991]

### Opal M. Younkin

Opal M. Younkin, 73, Rockwood RD 3, died Feb. 1, 1991, at Somerset Hospital. Born Nov. 10, 1917, in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp., she was a daughter of the late Samuel and Bertha Mae (Henry) Schmuck. She was preceded in death by a brother, Dale.

Mrs. Younkin is survived by her husband of 45 years, Hubert Younkin; 2 children, Mrs. Robert (Linda) Blubaugh, of Andrews, Texas, and Mrs. Daniel (Beverly) Stewart, of Farmington, N.M.; and 5 grandchildren. She was a sister of Kenneth and Roy Schmuck, both of Rockwood. She was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thomas Zimmerman officiated. Interment was in Somerset County Memorial Park.

[Somerset American (Somerset, Pa.) 4 Feb 1991]

### Edna B. Shrimp

DUSHORE, Pa. — Edna B. Shrimp, 86, of Cherry Mills, Dushore, died Thursday, January 24, 1991, at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre following a lingering illness.

Born Aug. 12, 1904, in Cherry Mills, Sullivan County, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Hattie (Yonkin) Shaffer. She was a lifetime resident of Cherry Mills and had been engaged in the farming industry most of her lifetime.

Mrs. Shrimp was a member of the Redeemer United Church of Christ of Dushore and the Eastern Milk Producers Association.

Her husband, the late Fred Shrimp, died in 1933.

Mrs. Shrimp is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Francis (Kathleen) Moll of Dushore and 2 grandsons, Fred Moll and Ed Moll, both of Dushore.

The Rev. Robert Martin, her pastor, officiated. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Dushore.

### W. Gene Younkin

RIDGECREST, Calif.—Services for W. Gene Younkin, 60, formerly of Davenport, Iowa, were held Feb. 8, 1991 at All Faiths Chapel, Naval Ordinance Testing Center, China Lake.

Mr. Younkin was employed by the U.S. Navy Weapons Center at China Lake. He was recently awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award recognizing 36 years of work developing the Sidewinder air-to-air missile.

He graduated from Davenport High School and St. Ambrose College. He received a master's degree in physics from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1954.

He married Elva Kidwell in 1955.

He acted with the Backyard Players theatrical group, becoming widely known in the role of "Maturango Matt," an old prospector.

Survivors include his wife, Ridgecrest, Calif.; a daughter, Debbie Younkin, San Diego; a son, Bryan, San Diego; his mother Cirreta Younkin, Bettendorf, Iowa; a sister, Cherilynn Proudfit, Davenport, Iowa; and brothers, Dale, of Davenport, Iowa and Francis, of Parkview, Iowa.

[Davenport, Iowa newspaper- sent in by his brother, Dale]

### Florence A. Yonkin

DUSHORE, Pa. — Florence A. Yonkin, 79, of Dushore, Pa., died Oct 1, 1990, at Memorial Hospital, Towanda. She was born Oct. 22, 1910 in Cherry Township a daughter of Frank and Jennie Bahr Kast. She was the widow of Carl J. Yonkin who died in 1981.

She and her husband owned and operated the BP station on South German St., Dushore, for many years.

A lifetime resident of Sullivan County, she was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Zion Chapel, in Dushore.

Surviving are two sons, Leon E. of Enid, Ok.; Carl J. of Dushore; a daughter, Mrs. Royce (Alberta) Molyneux of Dushore; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Driscoll, of Sayre; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Richard A. Reeser officiated. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Dushore.

### Gertrude E. Younkings

Gertrude E. Bowser Younkings, 75, of North Buffalo Township, died Monday (March 18, 1991) at home.

She was born Nov. 9, 1915, in Kittanning. Mrs. Younkings was a member of Union Baptist Church, North Buffalo.

Survivors include four sons, John H. Younkings of Williamsville, N.Y., Richard A. Younkings of Kittanning, James R. Younkings of Laurel, Md., and Thomas W. Younkings of Wheaton, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. Gregory (Patricia) Hika and Mrs. John (Donna) Fox Jr., both of Kittanning; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Ralph F. Bowser of Kittanning and George F. Bowser of Bethel Park; and a sister, Mrs. Frank (Mabel) Cowan of Kittanning.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Blair Younkings in 1971, and her parents, Adam S. and Annie Eliza Chappell Bowser.

The Rev. James F. Dersham, pastor of Union Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Union Baptist Cemetery, North Buffalo.

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# First Reunion of the Younkin Ancestry, Sunday, September 2, 1934, Odd Fellows Grove [I.O.O.F], Kingwood, Somerset Co., Pa.

as written by David Franklin Younkin

The members of our family who attended were D. F. and wife Margaret, John Y., Frank Y., and family, Janie Lou, Alma Jean and David, also William's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher of Greensburg, Pa. they day was very nice.

Otto Roosevelt Younkin was president of the meeting that day. He is a resident of Masontown, Pa., was a candidate for the nomination of U. S. Senator last spring on the Republican ticket, he did not land it though, he did the presiding very well last Sunday. Just a young man we met his wife also, she is a real likeable person she calls him the big shot and admitted that she is teaching again this term has always taught since they are married, her father's name was Coldren and her mother's name was Defenbaugh, she is a good friend of Grace Gardner who we all know, Otto is the grandson of Balaam Younkin of the Younkin settlement of Turkeyfoot Twp., is a young man of promising possibilities.

The officers elected last Sunday are:

President, Otto Roosevelt Younkin, of Masontown, Pa.

Vice-President, Attorney Fred. Younkin, of Connellsville, Pa.

Secretary, Charles Younkin, of Charleroi, Pa.

Asst. Sec., Mrs. Willey, of California, Pa. Her mother was a Younkin

Treasurer, Roscoe Younkin, of Somerset County

I judge the people there last Sunday would be several hundred persons and very few who are not connected with the Younkin name some way. We have met a number of people having the same name as we have since we have attended these reunions. We met an engineer of the B & O, John Younkin, Connellsville, Pa. his father was the Johnny Younkin our father often mentioned when I was a kid, Johnny ran the express in his time but was killed running into an \_\_\_?\_\_\_ switch

at Hyndman, Pa. in 1887. We met Younkings from Grantsville, Md., Washington, Pa., Preston Co., W.VA., Charleroi, California, Monessen, Connellsville and Johnstown, Pa. J. C., Frank, E. and Blaire Younkin are brothers here in Johnstown, Blair is a teacher in our high school. Uncle Fremont and Uncle Benjamin Younkin were there and seemed to enjoy the time very much "Mont" is 80 and "Bent" is 77. "Bent's" boys, Ross and \_arl were there and they are the two only first cousins we have named Younkin. Cousin Emma Evans and Lichlitters from Salisbury were there, their grandmother was a sister of our grandfather, you know.

I incidently met a woman from Connellsville (Mrs. Earle) her grandmother's name was Hettie Sweitzer married to a John Younkin a son of another John Younkin all from near Ursina, Pa. Mrs. Earle and her mother, Mrs. Rhule (whose man was a native of Indiana state) are very much Younkin, the mother resembles our aunts we could see lots of people there with Younkin imprint in their manners. Harvey Younkin of Rockwood is a trainman on the S & C branch, his father named William, grandfather was a veteran in the Civil War named \_derick Younkin, also Daniel Younkin of Rockwood a retired trainman of the B & O he is a brother of Shed Younkin who lived near to Tommy Cupp [?], Tommy you know was the second husband of grandfather Younkin's sister, Susan, she was first married to Lichliter. They read a letter from a Younkin in Kansas who claims the first Younkings arrived in this country some time in the 1600 period. I think this covers the first reunion pretty well so if the future reunions are as good all relatives should make an effort to be there.

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## David F. Younkin died Monday, April 30, 1941

MEYERSDALE, PA., Apr. 30 — David F. Younkin, a native of Meyersdale died Monday afternoon in a Johnstown hospital on his 67th birthday anniversary. He had lived with two sons on the Somerset Pike.

He was born here in 1874, one of 11 children and was engaged in civil and mining engineering until 1904 when he entered the Lorain Steel Company engineering department. Surviving are three sons, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral service will be held Thursday morning.

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It is both with a feeling of grief and with a sense of the distinct loss involved that we report the death on April 28th, of David Frank Younkin of Johnstown, Pa., who expired in Memorial Hospital in that city on the afternoon of his 67th birthday after suffering severely since Good Friday of a complication of gall bladder and liver disturbances.

David Frank will be remembered to many of the members of the Younkin family group because of his enthusiasm in the researches of the group, but he was never one of the publicly active individuals in family historical research. Conservative and retiring by nature, he preferred to permit the publicity to go to others better suited by Nature to conduct the public contacts,

while he took pleasure in meeting in program committees and informal gatherings. At the reunion he could be found circulating widely among his host of acquaintances. He was faithful and liberal in his financial support.

He was born on a farm near Meyersdale, Pa., on April 28, 1874, the fourth child of Elias P. and Emma Jane (Horner) Younkin, and grew to manhood in Meyersdale-Rockwood area. He was one of a family of eleven, being preceded to the grave by one sister and five brothers, also his father and mother. Surviving him in his own family are a sister, Mrs. C. W. Fernsner of Washington, DC, and three brothers, Roy E. of Erie, Pa., Henry C. of Meyersdale and Charles H. of Norfolk, Virginia.

David was married on December 21, 1901 to Margaretta (Krissinger) daughter of George W. and Mary (King) Krissinger of Berlin, Pa. and was preceded in death by his wife by six years, she having expired in the same hospital March 23, 1935. To this union were born three sons, Frank W., John R. and Charles E., the former of Greensburg, Pa., and the latter two with whom Mr. Younkin made his home, of Hollsopple, Pa. R.D., located in what amounts now to suburban Johnstown. His further survivors include five grandchildren, two aged uncles, Benton and Fremont Younkin, whose pictures and biography appeared in the Younkin Family News last summer [1940], and an aged uncle, Milton C. Horner of Meyersdale, a brother of his mother.

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## Phillip Pringey

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when he was only 33 just four years after he had married Bertha Blankenship. Phillip paused for a moment and recalled how once before in his life two loved ones, Fredrick and his mother, Margret, had been called home within a period of three months...life had often been a compromise between joy and sadness.

The 1890's saw the departure of the girls from the family home too. Both Martha and Mollie had married and that had left only Bruce at home. Phillip recalled that it was after Jud's death that he and Sarah began to seriously talk about retirement. He was over 60 and Sarah was 55 and life had produced many rewards for both of them. But now, with only Bruce to help maybe the time had come to sit back and enjoy life. This decision was made easier when Bruce married Rose Hayes in 1903 and a couple of years later they moved to Adel<sup>(23)</sup>, prompting Phillip to sell out and move to Cumberland. In 1905 they had purchased their home on Adams Street on the east side of town. It was a comfortable one story, two bedroom house only about four blocks from main street. Since that time both had "held court" and entertained children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and other relatives for the last 10 years. Although still devout Baptists dating back to the 1850's when they both had helped found the Hazel Run Church in West Virginia, of late they had been occasionally joining the Methodist congregation. The Reverend Alphonso Breeling had been the pastor for about three years and Phillip and Sarah had gone to Sunday services at his church that very morning. Reverend Breeling was very popular and a good speaker.

A smile crossed his lips as he remembered congratulating Rev. Breeling on the fine sermon and Breeling's reference to him as "Uncle" Phillip. He never knew how he'd acquired that title around town unless it was because he enjoyed children and was usually good for a penny or nickle, if they asked politely.

Yes, he had enjoyed his life to this point, would have changed some events of course, but overall there were few complaints. Well, it was time for supper and Sarah's Sunday leftovers were always good. He drew himself up out of the rocking chair and opened the porch screen. After supper, I'll go right on to bed he thought.<sup>(24)</sup>

By, D. Bruce Howell  
December, 1989

<sup>15</sup>It appears that this was their objective because after Phillip arrived in 1867, they both moved on and each obtained 80 acres in Nobel Twp., Cass Co., Iowa.

<sup>16</sup>This and the subsequent account are pure speculation, but a reasonable time frame.

<sup>17</sup>Starting in Washington, D.C. as the National Road, then renamed at Cumberland, Maryland the road was graveled as far as Wheeling, W.Va. It actually ended in Vandalia, Ill. but was "unimproved". It essentially followed what today is U.S. Highway 40.

<sup>18</sup>Mollie Pringey Howell died December 19, 1966 at age 99-1/2. Her birthplace has been noted as Wheeling in her obituary.

<sup>19</sup>This became an interesting coincidence later. Rebecca and Stuart Tucker were Myrtle Andrew Howell's maternal grandparents. She married Ross Pringey Howell. Ross' Aunt Sarah was Myrtles' grandmother's sister.

<sup>20</sup>The purchase price was \$1,600. Mrs. Wilson lived in West Liberty and possibly she and her husband, apparently deceased, had homesteaded the land.

<sup>21</sup>*The Springdale Eavesdropper The Springdale Truth*

<sup>22</sup>Ponca City, Oklahoma

<sup>23</sup>Bruce became a druggist and insurance agent in Adel. Later he became mayor of Adel and Dallas County auditor.

<sup>24</sup>Phillip died at approximately 8:15 p.m. Sunday, August 29, 1915, according to a report filed by Dr. Reu Barnett, attending physician.

## David F. Younkin

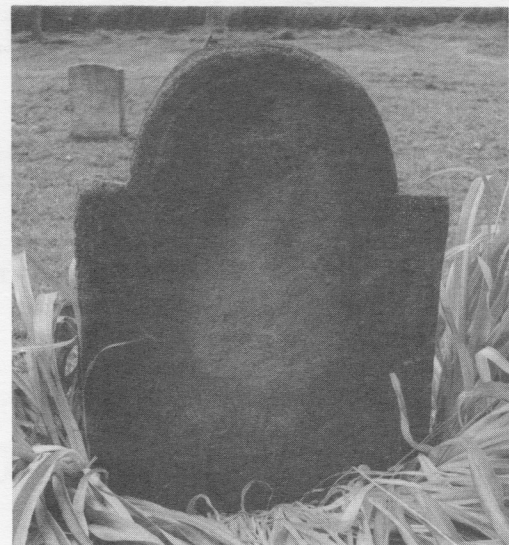
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David Younkin was usually regarded as a Johnstown, having made his home there for the past thirty-five years, his children all being born there and reared in the Johnstown schools. He started to work in 1905 for the Lorain Steel Company, later Carnegie-Illinois, as a draftsman, and worked at this line of endeavor for thirty-five years, retiring in 1940 from his last position of Foreman of the lay-out floor. Upon the death of his wife in 1935, he gave up the large home in Johnstown and moved about eight miles out of the city with his two sons John and Charles.

Early in life David Younkin had united with the Brethren Church, his funeral service, however, being conducted by Rev. C. W. Raley, of the Centennial Evangelical Church, pastor of the children with whom Mr. Younkin made his home. His retiring nature again showed to the fore in his reticence toward joining fraternal and such other organizations; excepting only the Veteran Employees' Association of the steel works by whom he was employed, the Younkin Family Association was the only organization to which he subscribed or in which he was ever interested.

Only self-trained and yet far more than usually skillful in many of the familiar lines of applied mechanics, David Younkin practiced civil and mining engineering, surveying, brick-making and farming; he also was adept at steam fitting, electric wiring, framing carpentry, cabinet-making and plumbing, having built several houses in their entirety from the ground up. His interest in local geography was on a par with his interest in early history and the Younkin family derivation, and he possessed valuable maps of the greater part of Western Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia, certain good portions of which he had at one time or another surveyed or scouted on foot. He was regarded as an authority on Somerset County geography.

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## Headstone of Jacob Younkin

son of

Johann Henrich 'Henry' and Catharine Junghen

Located in the Crossroads Cemetery (locally known as 'Hog Back')

about 1/2 mile from the village of Harnedsville,

in Lower Turkeyfoot, it reads:

"Hier Light Begrawen Jacob Yungen

Geboren 1761 Den 3ten

July Gestorben Den 26, Julius 1811

Ehr Hinter Last Sein Ehfrau Henne Mit  
10 Kinder"





## Kingwood, Pa. Reunion—1936

Written on this photograph was: Younkin Reunion Meeting, Kingwood area; Younkins and Friends at Mrs. Lenharts, June 1936; first row-Minta Kreger; third row, Mildred Younkin, Otto's wife; second row, second from left, Mrs. Bell Lenhart, Otto's mother; last row, second one, Ross Kreger, third one, Otto Younkin, seventh one, Bill Lenhart, Otto's stepfather. The two people on the far right are, Harvey Younkin and Georgianna Younkin. This is all that is written on the photo, what I, and others would like to know is who are the other people and are the ones that are identified correct? CAN YOU HELP?

[Photograph courtesy of Betty (Younkin) Sanner of Rockwood, Pa. Betty is pictured above in the second row, seated in the middle.]

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